

THE CONVALESCENT HOME

OF

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

AT

WELLESLEY HILLS,

MASS.



FOR THE YEAR

1931



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THE CONVALESCENT HOME



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SUN TREATMENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Managers of the Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital present to the public their forty-seventh annual report. The history of this year could almost be read from the general statements in the report of any other year. The Home has been filled to capacity most of the time, which means that we have cared for 493 children during the past year. This number divides into 16 who paid the full rates of \$14 per week; 54 who paid from \$7 to \$10 toward their care; 146 who paid from \$1 to \$5 a week; and the Home gave absolutely free care to 277 patients. There were 2,200 physiotherapy treatments given, 493 dental examinations—note that this means that the mouth of every child was examined, and 239 children had dental work done. There was a daily average of 23 in the schoolroom.

It is my very pleasant duty to express once more the Board of Managers' sincerest and most grateful thanks to Miss Guillod, our Superintendent, and her able Staff, for the self-sacrificing and ungrudging service they so willingly gave to the children, and for their loyalty and devotion to their work.

Our Isolation Ward, which was opened a year ago, has cut our contagion in half in the past year, and we hope for even more efficient results in the near future. A new departure of our work this year was the opening of a permanent Infants' Ward. We tried the experiment of caring for babies during the summer months, and it proved so successful that the Children's Hospital asked us to take them the year round. This meant quite an item of expense, as we had to remodel a room, put in heat, more plumbing, etc., before we could arrange to take babies during the winter months. This work was done, and we have cared for thirty infants during the

past year. This Ward has added to our efficiency in another field of our work, which is the training of nursemaids, for it gives these girls the care of infants as well as older children. Twice a year, in March and October, we admit twelve girls for a year's training. The course requires girls who are intelligent, reliable, of a pleasing personality, and fond of children; and they must be eighteen years old and have had at least two years of high school. The first six weeks is a probationary period, and if, within this period, girls do not show aptness for the work, they are not accepted. They must pass satisfactorily all examinations, including a thorough physical one; and at the completion of the course they will then be given a certificate, and, if possible, a position in a private family will be found for them.

Like all charities, we are beginning to feel the falling-off of donations and large gifts this past year; but we are confident that our friends will not let our work become less

efficient for these deserving little children. In spite of the hard times, we are indeed grateful to many individuals and organizations for making the past year so happy and comfortable for the children. I wish it were possible in this report to mention each and all, but that is not practical. We are especially grateful for the interest shown by Wellesley citizens, Wellesley churches, and the Junior Service League of Wellesley. The American Legion Posts of both Needham and Wellesley have been most helpful. A group of employees from the John Hancock Life Insurance Company added greatly to the pleasure of the children, as they gave a play and many toys at Christmas time.

During the latter part of the year it became apparent to the Managers that the wage scale of the Home was not consistent with the present economic conditions. Therefore, after careful consideration, and the advice of an outside expert, it was decided to make a ten per cent wage reduction of

practically all employees. This reduction took effect the first of January, and was met with a fine spirit of co-operation by all the employees, and their understanding of the necessity of this curtailment was appreciated by the management.

The Convalescent Home is a separate organization from the Children's Hospital, and receives no financial aid from the Hospital. This is a fact that the public often does not seem to grasp.

My thought in closing is a familiar one to you all—it is to remind you of the importance of convalescent care. It is not by a charm of magic, a wave of a fairy's wand, or the course of nature that one returns to health after prolonged illness; but it is through the hard work of definite and intelligent care that a patient is able to return to sound health. Every hospital has records of patients who flounder aimlessly about clinics for months endeavoring to regain health, but who, often because of the lack of convalescent care, become one of

the many "half-cured," and therefore become a liability to the community and only too often find themselves back again in a hospital. The constantly increasing number of convalescent institutions throughout the world indicates that there is a growing realization of the need for country convalescent care. No community has a complete health program unless it provides adequate treatment in convalescence. Many children must be removed from unfavorable home surroundings before they can recuperate, and the most economical and beneficial care is given by a Home such as ours. We have no set period of stay for patients; their discharge must depend upon improvement and various environmental conditions. In the last few months we have had a steady increase in the number of children coming to us suffering from malnutrition. This, of course, is due to the present economic conditions, and, until the unemployment

of the parents of these undernourished children improves, their number will increase week by week.

It is a source of untold satisfaction to the Managers to realize each year the increased usefulness of the Home, but it is, at the same time, a source of anxiety to them to provide means to carry on this work, and they, therefore, make a most earnest plea for an adequate response to their simple statement of their great need of money.

LEONORE C. AMORY, *Secretary*.

(Mrs. ROBERT AMORY,
Brush Hill Road, Readville, Mass.)



CHRISTMAS

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE CONVALESCENT HOME OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Year ending December 31, 1931

Bank balance Dec. 31, 1930	\$5,455.56	Cash to Assistant Treasurer	\$56,000.00
Interest on Bank balance ..	74.69	Insurance	1,604.25
Interest from Bonds	10,191.25	Expense account	500.00
Dividends from Stocks ...	11,705.43	Charles T. Baker Fund	18,008.54
From Permanent Charity		Bank balance Dec. 31, 1931	2,294.08
Fund	2,002.25		
Welfare Committee	400.00		
Profit on sales	428.00		

Legacies:

Mary J. Haskell (add.)..	2.22
B. Marion Keyes (add.).	87.50
Charles T. Baker Fund .	18,419.54
Borrowed from Capital	29,640.43

\$78,406.87

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Respectfully submitted,

S. HOOPER HOOPER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the treasurer's books, checked the entries with the Bank account, verified the securities and find them all to be correct as stated.

F. O. BELDING, *Accountant.*

Note: We have received from the Estate of Annie H. Brown securities at an appraised value of \$240,852.50. No cash has been received as yet, but the Executors intimate that there will be a small cash distribution when the Federal taxes have been adjusted.

S. HOOPER HOOPER, *Treasurer.*

CONVALESCENT HOME OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
For the year ended

RECEIPTS

By balance on hand December 31, 1930	\$977.38
Received from S. H. Hooper, Treasurer	56,000.00
“ “ Board of Patients	5,520.93
“ “ Subscriptions and Donations	6,549.00
“ “ Dean Foundation for Care of Children	1,000.00
“ “ Free Bed for Children of Newton, Mass.— Gift of Miss M. L. Riley	500.00
“ “ Nursemaids' Fees	625.00
“ “ Ambulance Services	930.00
“ “ Telephone Tolls	19.65
“ “ Benefit Performance, Skating Club	2,076.00
“ “ Interest at First National Bank	44.97
	<u>\$74,242.93</u>

SUSAN E. GARFIELD, *Assistant Treasurer.*

in account with SUSAN E. GARFIELD, Assistant Treasurer
December 31, 1931

DISBURSEMENTS

To paid for—

Wages	\$34,735.92
Provisions	15,838.77
Fuel	3,563.42
Light and Power	1,493.17
Furnishings	1,698.68
Furnishings for Isolation Ward	312.40
Clothing, Household Linen, Nurses, etc.	1,978.32
Repairs and Improvements	4,541.12
Medical Care and Supplies	3,280.06
Automobile Upkeep	875.32
Taxi Hire	285.50
Laundry Supplies	425.40
Kindergarten Supplies	55.35
Telephone	362.55
Printing and Stationery	767.07
Advertising	672.60
Miscellaneous	1,208.70
Water Rates	1,136.35

\$73,230.70

Balance on hand December 31, 1931 1,012.23

\$74,242.93

